

# Chapter 3 What is Government

**1. What do you understand by the word 'government'? List five ways in which you think the government effects your dally life.**

**Ans:** The word government refers to a governing body that makes decisions and gets things done for the welfare of its citizens.

**2. Why do you think the government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws?**

**Ans:** The government needs laws to maintain peace and order in society. Law establishes justice. It is meant to achieve constitutional ideas like equality and right against discrimination. Law makes it compulsory for the people to obey it.



### **3. Name two essential features of a democratic government.**

**Ans:** Two essential features of a democratic government are :

- Democracy is a rule by the people. It is people who rule themselves by participating in the making of these rules.
- In a democracy people have the power to elect their leaders. These leaders or representatives meet and make decisions for the entire population.

**4. What was the suffrage movement? What did it accomplish?**

**Ans:** The movement for voting rights to women came to be known as the suffrage movement. All over Europe and USA, women

**Choose the correct option to complete the statements given below:**

**(I)** The government also works at local level.

Here local level means

- (a) Village (b) Town
- (c) Locality (d) All the above.

**(II)** The court can intervene if.....

- (a) Any law passed by the government is not followed.
- (b) Anyone does not study well.
- (c) A child tells a lie
- (d) Both (a) and (b).

**(III)** American women got the right to vote in the year.....

- (a) 1928 (b) 1925
- (c) 1920 (d) 1919

**(iv)** The term suffrage means .....

- (a) Right to vote
- (b) Right to go anywhere in the country
- (c) Right to livelihood
- (d) None of the above.

**(v)** The two types of government mentioned the chapter are:

- (a) Democracy
- (b) Monarchy
- (c) Dictatorship
- (d) (a) and (b).

**Ans.** (i)–(d), (ii)–(a), (iii)–(c), (iv)–(a), (v)–(d).



## II.FILL IN THE BLANKS

**Fill in the blanks with appropriate words to complete each sentence.**

**(i)** The government works at different levels at the local level, at the level of the state and at the ..... level.

**(ii)** In a..... the government has to explain its actions and defend its decisions to the people.

**(iii)** Women in the UK got the right to vote in the year.....

**(iv)** In India, before Independence, only a small minority was allowed to .....

**(v)**..... are also part of the government.

**Ans.** (i) national

democracy

(iii) 1928

(v) Courts.

(ii)

(iv) vote



### III. TRUE/FALSE

**State whether the following statements are true or false (F).**

- (i) Kings and queens get their power from the people they rule.
  - (ii) There was a time when government did not allow women and the poor to participate in elections.
  - (iii) It was Gandhiji who demanded that all adults have the right to vote.
  - (iv) Men without property have no right to vote in the country like USA.
  - (v) In India, everyone who is eighteen or above eighteen enjoys the right to vote.
- Ans. (i) False, (ii) True, (iii) True, (iv) False, (v) True.

## IV.MATCHING SKILL

Match the items given in column A correctly with those given in column B.

### Column A

- (i) Power vested in one man
- (ii) Government of people
- (iii) It protects rights of unorganized workers
- (iv) Highest court of judgement
- (v) Women's suffrage movement

### Column B

- (a) Voting right
- (b) Supreme Court
- (c) Monarchy
- (d) Democracy
- (e) Government

**Ans.**(i)–(c), (ii)–(c), (iii)–(e), (iv)–(b), (v)–(a).

## V.VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

**1. Name some institutions that are part of the government.**

**Ans:** The Supreme Court, the Indian Railways, Bharat Petroleum.

**2.List any two functions of the government.**

**Ans:** (i)The government protects the boundaries of the country.